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1.53(b))

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First Inventor or Application Identifier Mullen, et al.
Title A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AN
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT COVER
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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contents.

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6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Copy
- b. Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 7. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- 8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
- 9. English Translation Document (if applicable)
- 10. Information Disclosure Copies of
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 IDS Citations
- 11. Preliminary Amendment
- 12. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
- 13. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27
 - Statement filed in Prior Application,
Status still proper and desired.
- 14. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
- 15. Request & Certification Under 35 U.S.C.
122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- 16. Other

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FEE CALCULATION

1. FILING FEE

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101	710	201	355
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2. CLAIMS

Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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Claims in excess of 20		
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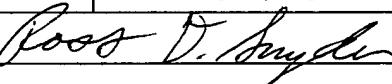
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144	600	244	300
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146	710	246	355
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mullen, et al.

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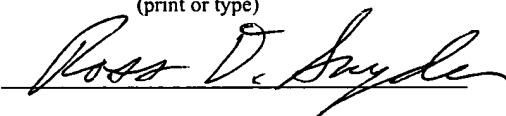
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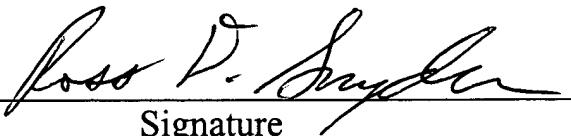
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Title	A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT COVER
Atty Docket Number	1726.7221000

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